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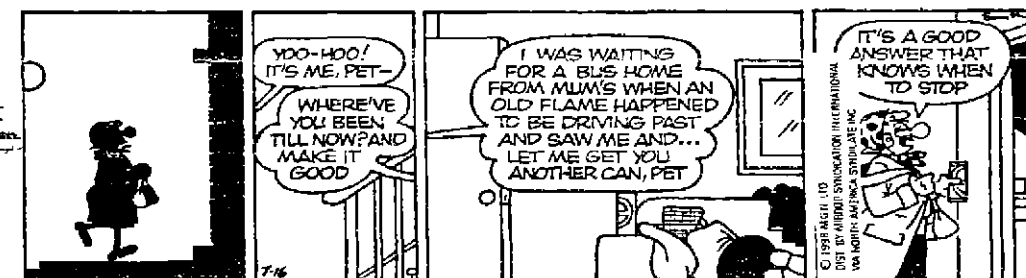
THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



9 CHICKWEED LANE



ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



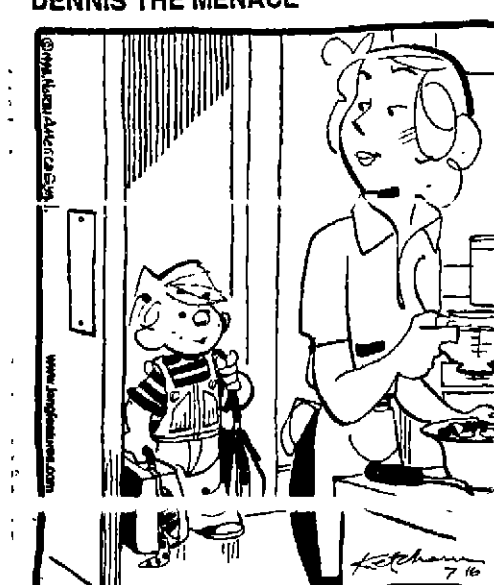
MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



DILBERT



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, July 17, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You find yourself feeling unusually optimistic... but in the risk of time, too, as an unexpected opportunity arises.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Pamper yourself. Whether it's a night out on the town or a new haircut, you deserve it.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A strange twist of fate reveals a surprising solution. Don't slow yourself down by overindulging.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You find yourself feeling unusually gregarious, and others notice. Plan a night out in the company of good friends.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) It looks as though you're frantically searching for that brass ring when it comes to your career.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) It's high time you got away for a while. A physical journey will turn out to be spiritual as well.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) It's a great time to form a new partnership or a union. Remember to share the wealth.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Be willing to compromise. In that case, emotions are far more important than the details.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) While your energy level is high, something is slightly out of whack in your mental state. Give yourself the time and space you need to figure out what's amiss.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) It's a fabulous time for you, so celebrate by doing something that makes you look and feel great.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You'll feel the need to hear stories from your past, so call up an older friend or relative. All concerned enjoy the trip down memory lane.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) At long last you uncover the answer to that lingering business problem.

RALPH



WORD SLEUTH

Outdoor games

Z L J G E B Y W U F R T P N K
I Y S G D B Z Y X L V E S S O
O M D E K I A E E O G T E N E
C A Y N L W E N P G W H O O T
U S L L A B M O O R B E H T E
S O T P S B R R R H P R S N U
N L E I J B F A P H T B E I O
F E R E O P C A M Y X A S M O
K F V C A U S U Q P L R D R
N M C E K J Q H J F E L O A C
C E L B H C T O C S P O H B M

Wednesday's unlisted clue: CARHOP

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: PLAYED WITH MALLETS

Badminton Frisbee Jump rope Marbles
Bandy Golf Keepaway Quoits
Bocce Horseshoes Leapfrog Tetherball
Broomball

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For solution, see Classified.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0603

ACROSS

- 1 Words said with a sigh
5 "Generations of healthy, happy pets" brand
9 Advance oneself
14 Old Spanish kingdom
15 — National Park, Utah
16 Like some cycles
17 Refrains from an indiscreet remark
20 "Ad — per Aspera" (Kansas maxim)
21 Hold
22 Defended
25 One of Broadway's Shuberts
28 Considered
29 Linguist Chomsky
32 Clappers
36 One making overnight deliveries
37 Indulges in histrionics
40 Biblical measure
41 Game plan
42 Dilute
43 Covers with crumbs
45 Measly amount
46 When to gather for crumpets
51 Top-rated TV show of 1989-90
56 Skipjacks and bluejins
57 Is gullible
59 Vice follow-up
61 Source of much West Coast trade
62 Laura's lover in "La Gioconda"
63 "Forced (apart) — batter believe it!"
65 Ooze

DOWN

- 1 Troubadours' dawn serenades
2 Bank job
3 Words on a family shield
4 Vacation time in Buenos Aires
5 Kind of dye
6 China's — Yutang
7 Fancy foot work?
8 Discounted
9 Repeat oneself, in a way
10 Fontaine's dramatic partner
11 Actress Swenson
12 So-called "Valley Isle"
13 Clip-fed submarine gun
14 Figure skater Thomas
15 Bound
24 "Ugh!"
27 U.S. Attorney General, 1985-88
28 Zola's streetwalker
29 Humdringer

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

GAPE MEAL SMITH
ORAN ELMO HANOI
WILD LIFTTICKET
NEMESIS TYNE
LSATS ROPE PAM
PRESTO ERWINE
YAR RABBLE INGA
AVIAN ALE FACIT

SIGNAL WARMUP
EDS TIRE APPLE
SHOO SNARERS
POCKETBOOK IAMA
JAPAN OOOB STAG
STAYS TEND ESSE

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I had to play the spades the way I did," explained South. "I would have had to bid spades to play for West's ace and to drop overbid. I have no quarrel with the handling of the spade suit," replied North. "It was your play in clubs that lost the game." West led his diamond 10, and East carefully dropped his jack to unblock the suit. South won his king and made the correct play in spades: He led low toward dummy's two honors. Dummy's queen won, and South returned to his club ace to lead a second spade toward dummy. West took his ace, giving South his three spade winners. But he didn't have them long. West led another diamond to East's queen and South's ace, and South's last entry to his hand was eliminated. After cashing dummy's spade king, South could not cash his jack, and South lost a game he should have made. To score his nine winners, South should be careful in both black suits. Anticipating the need for the club suit to provide two entries, South should cash two high clubs in dummy after winning the queen of spades. When both opponents follow, he can afford to overtake dummy's remaining honor to lead a second spade toward dummy. West wins and knocks out South's diamond ace, but all is well. South can cash dummy's spade king and overtake dummy's club six with his seven, providing the crucial entry to cash his spade jack.

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Tuesday morning, first/second, Bob Donahue, Doug Lyon; Bob Seymour, Julie Sunser; Saturday evening, first, Allene Huntley, Don Paulus; second, Bill Pennington, Bob Donahue.

Bridge Studio: Tuesday evening, first, Doug Lyon, John Poppo; second, Dennis Cleary, Bill Barrington; Wednesday evening, first, Monny Moncrief, Jeffrey King; second, Cam on Ross, Doug Lyon; Thursday morning teaching game, first, John Beauchamp, Janet Sinclair; second, Ginny Cluse, Aln Leech; Thursday evening, first, Howard Cring, Carmen Swen; second, Cornelia Yoder, Larry Spooner; Friday morning first, Joe Fortino, Larry Sunser; second, Bob Price, Joe Conrad; Friday evening, first, Don Paulus, Cameron Ross; second, Howie Cring, Cornelia Yoder.

Concord: 1 NS, Dot Joiner, Barb Reinschmidt; 2 NS, Jo Conrad, Anne Martin; 1 EW, Fran McCarthy, Gerry Wurdinger; 2 EW, Manny Aris, Ray Nitzberg.

Lafayette Country Club: 1 NS, Marcia Rothschild, Lois Meyer; 2 NS, Irma Silverstein, Lorraine Phillips; 1 EW, Ethel Black, Natalie Waldman; 2 EW, Shirley Ashkin, Dottie Poushter.

Liverpool: 1 NS, Alberta McCormick, Joe Conrad; 2 NS, Barb Reinschmidt, Joan Liddle; 1 EW, Clorinda Morris, Phyllis Lethan; 2 EW, Sharon Paulus, Eugene Wurdinger.

Stonehedge: 1 NS, Anne Divers, Sally Wright; 2 NS, Ron Capraro, Jo Spooner; 1 EW, Pat Hill, Betty Pfeiffer; 2 EW, Marie O'Brien, Mane Rothbaler.

Syracuse Contract: Wednesday evening, first, Bob Donahue, Bill Burnett; second, Dennis Cleary, Joan Noll; Thursday afternoon, 1 NS, Milt Rosenblum, Doug Lyon; 2 NS, Dot Joiner, Judith Ortiz; 1 EW, Helene Gove, Rosemary Dunn; 2 EW, Barbara Reinschmidt, Phyllis Lethan; Thursday evening, first, Bob Simard, Sharon Paulus; second, Gerry Radway, Paul Peters.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge results.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

TV director Vincent Sherman is 92. Actor Barnard Hughes is 83. Former Attorney General Dick Thornburgh is 66. Soul singer William Bell is 59. Actor Corin Redgrave is 59. Former tennis player Margaret Court is 56. Violinist Pinchas Zukerman is 50. Actor-singer Ruben Blades is 50. Rock composer-musician Stewart Copeland is 46. Actress Phoebe Cates is 35. Actor Corey Feldman is 27. Rock musician Ed Kowalczyk (Live) is 27.

*I'VE DECIDED IT'S TIME TO GO OFF ON MY OWN, AS SOON AS YOU FIX ME A SANDWICH, AND GIVE ME A QUARTER."

"Is there a vitamin for every letter of the alphabet?"

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